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NOTE FOR: D/SOVA

SUBJECT: Response to Proxmire Letter

1. Bob would like to have a response developed that he could look at when he returns from leave on 3 September. I suggest the following approach.

2. We will prepare a new paper on Soviet defense spending. It will be different than our previous papers because we believe the way we have presented the information in the past has led to a selective use of the information and a misleading interpretation of our analysis. The new paper will put much more emphasis on a description of the production programs the Soviets have underway. It will be more explicit about our assumptions and our uncertainties. We should indicate to Proxmire that after the study is completed (it will be classified), we will, in consultation with our oversight committees, look at the issue of providing the unclassified version. (S)

/s/
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for Intelligence

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Proxmire Letter, dtd 15 August 1985

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